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APPROVAL OF UNCDF/UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF ERITREA

IPF:(1992-96) $6 000 000

(ERI/92/C01) (ERI/92/001) - Fisheries Rehabilitation in Semhar Province

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	26 August 1992
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	Government (Department of Marine Resources and Inland Fisheries)
Implementing agents:	Fishermen's Association (FA), FAO
Proposed UNCDF contribution:	$2 863 400 Source of funds: General Resources
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 624 800 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$ 174 400

Project background

The situation in Eritrea is characterized by the consequences of a very long and damaging war which caused great suffering to the people and immeasurable damage to the economy of the country, especially to its infrastructure. An accord now exists between the Provisional Government of Eritrea (PGE) and the Transitional Government of Ethiopia (TGE), guaranteeing mutual respect for their existing international boundary and recognizing the PGE as the sole government of the people of Eritrea. Pending a referendum on independence, the PGE has embarked on the reconstruction of the country's war-torn economy through an emergency Two-year Action Programme. As 80 percent of the population presently live on food aid, priority has been given to food production including production of fish. Fish is the richest knows natural resource of Eritrea and the country's coastal waters are among the most productive fishing grounds in the Red Sea.

Description of project

The project will combine recapitalization of the fishing fleet with the development of the domestic market, the provision of essential services (ice, fuel and repairs) and complementary investments in social infrastructure in the fishing communities. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) rehabilitate the fishing fleet; (b) fish landing and distribution; (c) develop the social infrastructure; and (d) strengthen the fisheries department.

[1/] This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

The Project is designed to increase fish production in the Semhar Province by providing means that will make scarce production inputs (fishing boats, gears, spares, fuel etc.) easily and locally available to artisanal fishermen. Essential landing facilities (jetties, workshop equipment, ice plant, cold store) will also be provided to support the fish production effort. Similarly, the project will make funds available to provide pick-ups to improve the road transportation of fish from Massawa to Asmara. Provisions are also made for the construction or rehabilitation of drinking water supply, health clinics and schools.

Inputs

UNDP will finance the services and support costs of a fisheries management specialist, a UNV credit specialist, a master fisherman and various national and international consultancies including technical expertise to undertake a fishery survey; and training of national project staff. The fishing communities will contribute towards the revolving credit fund and maintenance of the civil works.

UNCDF will cover a credit fund for the rehabilitation of the fishing fleet, equipment for fishing support services and civil works for rehabilitation of landing facilities, fish markets, and for social infrastructure. The PGE will make available professional counterpart staff and support personnel.

Financial data

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	UNCDF	UNDP	GOVT.
Missions	160 000	-	-
Import support fund	796 900	-	-
Fishing support services			
Massawa fishery centre	671 300	-	29 400
Dahlak fishery centre	158 100	-	22 000
Fish collection/distribution	83 200	-	
Social Intrastructure			
Water supply	77 000	-	-
Clinics/schools/markets	188 900	-	12 000
Buildings	69 200	-	2 800
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Technical assistance		937 000	-
National professional staff		213 000	-
General service staff		-	86 700
Equipment	122 000	140 000	-
Training		52 000	-
Operation/maintenance		88 800	-
Contingencies (20% for physical & 10% for all other elements	278 500	54 000	21 500
Agency support cost (11%)	141 922	140 000 1/	-
Prog. support costs (5%)	116 340	-	-
	2 863 400	1 624 800	174 400

1/ Detailed AOS budget to be circulated by the cooperating agency.

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